MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Disposal of cases including Public Interest Litigation cases, relates to discharges of judicial function of judges. Government, therefore, cannot intervene in the matter. However, the Supreme Court of India has laid down guidelines to be followed for entertaining letters/petitions received in the Supreme Court as Public Interest Litigation. The paramount consideration before the Supreme Court is always that sufficient public interest is involved in the matter. However, if the Court finds that PIL is misused, it passes strictures against the Advocate/Petitioner concerned to act as a deterrent to others. Other Courts in the Country are expected to follow the Supreme Court.

Administration of Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950

1696. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many institutions, agencies, firms and organizations use names and emblems included in the schedule to Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 without obtaining necessary permission;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the erring bodies; and

(c) if not, whether Government will initiate measures to find out such cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) the power of registration under the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 of a society, organisation etc. is vested with the Registrar of Societies of the States/Union Territories. However, in case of doubt regarding the applicability of the provisions of the E&N Act, the concerned Registrar seeks clarification/approval of the Central Government. A few instances of improper use/use without permission of certain names covered under the Act had been brought to the notice of the Government and the concerned State Governments were directed to take necessary remedial/penal action as per the provisions of the Act.

(c) Does not arise.